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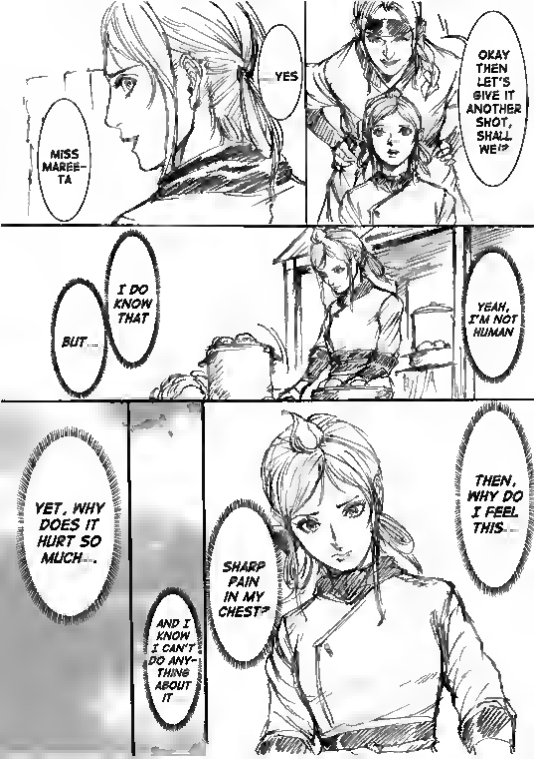
Chapter 23

WELL, YOU SEE, SLAN MAY APPEAR HUMAN ON THE OUTSIDE...
BUT SHE IS REALLY A MONSTER ON THE INSIDE...
EH ? I CAN'T FOLLOW
.....
SORRY IF I WAS RUDE TO YOU...
SLAN, HONEY, I HAD NO IDEA
HMM... WHAT A STRANGE PHENOMENON...
...AND THAT IS WHY SLAN LOOKS LIKE THIS
SO SHE'S A BLUE METAL SLIME, HUH...

SFX: GRIP
!?
ALRIGHT, I'M GOING BACK TO TRAINING SEE YOU LATER
WHAT IS IT, SLAN?
SO YOU DO YOUR BEST TO LEARN COOKING TOO!!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL DO MY BEST WITH MY TRAIN-ING!!
BAK!
LOOK, I
.....
SFX: PAT
I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY YOUR YUMMY COOKING SOON!!
OH OKAY


MISS MAREE-TA
YES
OKAY THEN LET'S GIVE IT ANOTHER SHOT, SHALL WE!?
BUT...
I DO KNOW THAT
YEAH, I'M NOT HUMAN
YET, WHY DOES IT HURT SO MUCH...
AND I KNOW I CAN'T DO ANY-THING ABOUT IT
SHARP PAIN IN MY CHEST?
THEN, WHY DO I FEEL THIS...

SFX: BOOM
SFX: FSSHHH
SFX: ROARRR
WHEW I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO DO IT!

SFX: FISHHH
HE GOT THE HANG OF IT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY
AS SOON AS HIS HESITATION WENT AWAY
SFX: BOAAHHH
BUT IT'S NOT JUST THAT
IT'S LIKE MR. BAKI'S SWORD SKILLS HAVE IMPROVED AS WELL...
I WONDER WHAT HE DOES IN THE CAVE DAY AFTER DAY...
WELL DONE!!
SFX: FWOOSHH
SUCH A WEIRD FEELING WHEN IT'S LIKE THIS
I SEEM TO HAVE A HIGHER AFFINITY FOR FIRE MAGIC
YES
DO YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE I TENDED TO BONFIRES FOR YEARS?
NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD COME IN HANDY!
BONFIRES...?

I GUESS THAT ONLY LEAVES ONE PROBLEM. YOUR LACK OF MP
AFTER ALL, THE POTION GIVEN DOESN'T RESTORE ENOUGH MP
OH, THAT'S WHAT I HAVE THIS STONE FOR
?
THE MAGIC STONE, YOU MEAN?
YES
MS. BEATRIX GAVE IT BACK TO ME
I SEE
MR. GAKI
YES?
SFX: RUSTLE
THIS SHOULD SOLVE MY MP PROBLEM
WELL, IT IS A BIT OF A PAIN THAT I HAVE TO HOLD IT AND PRAY EACH TIME THOUGH
SFX: SHING

SFX: SST
A DUEL?
MAY I ASK YOU FOR
!?
SFX: WHOOM

SFX: ROAARRR
ONCE WHEN YOU INFUSE YOUR SWORD WITH MAGIC AND ONCE WHEN THE EFFECT WEARS OFF
USING THIS SKILL LEAVES YOU WIDE OPEN TO COUNTER ATTACK TWICE
YOU MAY NOW HAVE A MEANS OF RESTORING YOUR MP, MR BAK!
BUT LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN USE IT IN A REAL BATTLE...
GOOD POINT
MY ENEMIES WON'T JUST SIT AROUND AND WAIT WHILE I RESTORE MY MP

SFK... FWSH
SFK... FWI
SFK... ANG

SFX: BEAM
SFX: SHIP
SFX: THUD
OW OW !!
SFX: WHOA!
SFX: SHATTER
SFX: BURST
!?
SFX: WHACK
THIS IS ANOTHER WAY TO USE THE MAGIC SWORD, DID YOU KNOW?
...NO, I DID NOT
SFX: CRASH

HUFF HUFF
BUT HE CAN'T MASTER ANYTHING HIGHER-RANKED TO SAVE HIS LIFE !!
IT CAN'T BE A LACK OF TALENT SINCE HE CAN CAST TUS' OWN RANKED SPELLS JUST FINE
WHY?
WHY CAN'T HE DO IT?
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
BECAUSE I'M NOT TALENTED ENOUGH?
UMM DO YOU THINK IT'S
WHAT IF SOMETHING IS LIMITING HIM ...?
COULD IT BE THAT HE CAN'T CONJURE ENOUGH MAGICAL POWER...?
HE SAID HE WAS CURSED ONCE COULD THAT BE WHY ? A DOUBLE-LAYERED CURSE...?
I DON'T GET IT
THAT'S THE SORT OF THING ONLY SOMEONE WHO ISN'T TALENTED ENOUGH WOULD SAY

YES... MASTER @LAFI
WHILE I GO TALK TO MY MASTER
TRY TO GET SOME REST
AND I DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN TO MR. BAKI AND MISS SIAN ANYMORE!!
I WANT TO GET STRONGER!
NO. IF I GIVE UP NOW, I'LL BE BACK TO SQUARE ONE!!
@UESS THIS IS IT FOR ME
SIGH...
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING
THINK, THINK!!
SFX: SLUMP
SFX: THUD
OH YEAH!
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN THIS SPELL-BOOK I BROUGHT WITH ME FROM HOME...
!!
IF I CAN'T LEARN ANY OFFENSIVE SPELLS THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ELSE I CAN DO TO HELP!!
MAYBE I'M SIMPLY @OING ABOUT THIS THE WRONG WAY!!

WHAT IS THIS SPELL?
HM?
SUP-PORT MAGIC, HUH...
LET'S SEE... NON-OFFEN-SIVE SPELLS
YES, SOUNDS GOOD
SHALL WE MEET TOMOR-ROW AT THE SAME TIME...?
ALL RIGHT THEN, MR BAK!
HEY, SLAN. I'M BACK
WEL-COME BACK, BAK!!
ALSO...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
YEAH, I'D BE GLAD TO!
I HAD NO IDEA BONFIRES COULD BE SO DEEP
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO LEARN-ING MORE ABOUT BONFIRES FROM YOU

DOOH!!
SFX: WHAM
!?
BOY, AM I TIRED SLAN IS DINNER
OKAY THEN

WHAT'S WITH YOU?
WH-WHAT IS IT?
WHAT ARE YOU POUTING ABOUT?
NOTH-ING...
YOU SURE SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG WELL WITH MISS CHATELAINE LATELY
SFX: TURN
SFX: SHIT?
PAH!
OH OKAY
YOU BETTER WASH UP AFTER-WARDS!!

IT WAS SO GOOD I ATE ALL OF IT
DAMN, SLAN'S GOTTEN REALLY GOOD AT THIS
SFX: SHUT
SLA-
WHOA!!
WHAT IS HER PROBLEM ?
ZZZ
UMM. WHERE IS MY DINNER ?
SLAN DIDN'T LIKE HOW BAKI GOT ALONG SO WELL WITH MISS CHATELAINE. BUT SHE WAS ALSO HAPPY THAT HE LIKED HER DINNER
SFX: GAPING YAWN
SFX: FLAP FLAP FLAP

Appendix:

Characters in chapter 23:

Baki

Slan

Duxy

Chatelaine

Beatrix

Galafi

Mareeta

Rabert Rudalph

Lacatians in chapter 23:

- Chizad (Battenburg)